HASSAN DISTRICT.

(Nos. 438 to 447.)

SUBJECT No. 438.

Quarters to officials at Saklespur.

Mr. M Venkataramaiya Manjarabad taluk

Summary of discussion.—Saklespur is a small town in the malnad. It has not many houses fit for habitation. Consequently, in each house there is more than one family living with great inconvenience. Orders may be passed to construct official quarters similar to those built at Koppa and Mudgere.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 439.

Re-transfer of the hobli headquarters to *Sukravarasanthe* and the location of a police sub-station.

Mr. M. Venkataramaiya. Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the removal of the *Sukravarasanthe* hobli and of the police station therefrom, very great inconvenience is being felt by the people inasmuch as they have to travel a long distance for small matters. Moreover, the importance of the village has been greatly reduced by the removal of the hobli headquarters. It is therefore urged that the hobli may be re-constituted and the police station re-established at *Sukravarasanthe.*

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 440.

Assessment on lands during Re-survey and Settlement into Belur taluk.

Messrs. Dande Kesavachar and Kesavadasaiengar, Belur taluk

Summary of discussion.—It is possible that Re-survey and Settlement may be introduced into the Belur taluk early. During the first Survey and Settlement the rate of assessment fixed was heavy. The people were not aware of it for sometime, and when they came to know of it they complained to the authorities. Considering these complaints, the rates were lowered in other taluks, but nothing was done to lower the rates in Belur taluk. The prices of staple food grains are high, and labour and manure are not cheap. Want of rain or too much of it has been affecting the raiyats. Taking into careful consideration the several causes which distress the agriculturists, it is prayed that the rates may be kindly revised so as to encourage the raiyats. Existing rates are:- Rs. 5 to 8 per acre of wet land, and Rs. 8 to 12 per acre of garden land. Belur is a malnad taluk deserving generous treatment at the hands of Government.

Reply of Government.—The re-survey and re-classification are in progress. All the local circumstances will be duly considered in revising the rates.

SUBJECT No. 441.

Improvement of Hassan town.

(*a*) Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.
(*a*) and (*b*) Mr. S. Ramanna, Hassan Municipality.
(*c*) Mr. M. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Hassan was known to be a sanitarium. But for the last ten or twelve years, people are considering it less desirable for residence and are taking to live in villages. Except in the time of great famine, cholera was unknown in the town. But now plague and cholera are our annual visitants snatching